**Director’s Report for November 7, 2022**

**Programs**

Adult Volleyball Program started back up on October 4th. Although participation has started slow, numbers have been beginning to pick up. Our fall hiking program wrapped up on Tuesday, October 11th. We were hoping to add one final hike on the 18th, however we had to cancel due to the weather. Overall, we had a good season with very steady participation and only two weather cancelations. Our Youth Soccer Program came to a close with our End of Season Rounds Robin on Saturday, October 15th. We had a beautiful day for our Round Robin and it was a great way to bring the season to a close. Overall, we had a very successful season and have received very positive feedback through our post-season evaluations. Our Senior Moment-um programs continue to have steady participation with a pretty good showing for our Oktoberfest program on the 10th and a good sized crowd expected for our Halloween Luncheon scheduled for the 31st. The Pickleball program that Jenny ran was well received with good participation throughout. She had to cancel a couple of days due to rain, but did extend the session by two days due to the interest and the fact that the weather cooperated. We are exploring the possibility of offering an indoor program at the GYC sometime this winter. The Disc Golf Clinic we were co-sponsoring with Bolduc Park was canceled due to low enrollment. We’re going to try and offer this program again in the spring to see if we’ll attract more interest that time of year. Our Annual Halloween Party was held on Friday, October 28th. We had a great turnout and very good help from the Middle School and High School student volunteers as well as a number of our Senior Moment-um members. Registration is open and ongoing for our Youth Basketball and our Gunstock Ski and Snowboard Programs for this winter. Numbers for the programs we held this past month are as follows:

* Adult Volleyball - Averaged about 10-12 Participants per week
* Adult Hike at Ramblin’ Vewe on October 4th – 15 Participants
* Senior – Octoberfest Lunch – 15 Participants
* Adult Hike on West Rattlesnake on October 11th – 12 Participants
* Fall Youth Soccer Program (Grades K-5) – 157 Participants
* Bolduc Park Disc Golf Lessons – Canceled due to low enrollment
* Adult Hike at Lockes Hill on October 18th – Canceled due to weather
* Adult Pickleball Program – 33 Total Participants (Averaged about 12 per day)
* Halloween Happening Party – Approx. 160 Participants and their parents
* Senior Halloween Luncheon – 26 Participants

Planning and registration is underway for a number of upcoming fall and winter programs. Registrations are already open for our Gunstock Ski and Snowboard Program, our Youth Basketball Program and our Boston Celtics Bus Trip, with registrations for our Bolduc Park Cross Country Ski Lessons to open shortly. We have our Youth Basketball Coaches Meeting, Referee Clinic and Team Selections planned during the month of November. We have a number of programs beginning in November, including two new programs Fit2Ski Conditioning program that Jenny will be running and an Adult Chair Yoga program that will be run by Renee Cupples, who had instructed our Beach Yoga program this past summer. Sue will also be starting up our Senior Walking program. We also have a number of upcoming Senior Moment-um programs scheduled during the month of November. We have also begun planning for the Santa Land Program that we co-sponsor each year with the Gilford Youth Center and the Holiday Home Decorating Contest that we co-sponsor with the Gilford District PTA. Here is a list of planned programs for the month of November and early December and the dates they will run:

* Adult Pick-up Volleyball runs every Tuesday evening
* Senior Strides Walking Program runs on Wednesday mornings beginning Nov. 2nd
* Adult Chair Yoga program will Run on Wednesday mornings beginning Nov. 2nd
* Adult Fit2Ski Conditioning Program runs on Monday evenings beginning Nov. 7th
* Senior Moment-up Luncheon Italiano Program – Nov. 8th
* Youth Basketball Coaches Meeting on Nov. 8th
* Youth Basketball Player Clinic/Team Selections on Nov. 9th and 10th
* Gunstock Ski and Snowboard Registration Deadline on Nov. 11th
* Senior Moment-um Dessert and Show at the GHS on Nov. 17th
* Senior Moment-um Pizza and Craft Program on Nov. 21st
* Youth Basketball Practices begin on Nov. 28th
* Senior Moment-um Gift of Lights and Dinner Trip (Tentatively) planned for Nov. 30th
* Holiday Home Decorating Submission will begin being accepted in late November
* Santa Land Program Scheduled for Dec. 2nd and 3rd

**Facilities**

Peter Walker from VHB Environmental Services confirmed that he has heard back from DES and we will not need a permit to fill the sinkholes at the Town Beach. I’ve spoken with the DPW Director and due to their staffing availabilities of their Heavy Equipment Operators, they would like to plan for springtime to address these issues.

Water systems were winterized at the Town Beach, Stonewall Park and the Village Field in mid-October and the building at the beach has been boarded up for the season.

Construction is close to complete on the new dugouts on the Varsity Baseball Field at the Village Field. We are hoping to have the dugouts and the Storage Shed painted and new roofs put on before the end of the fall.

The tennis courts will remain open through early-mid November, as the weather allows, before being closed down for the season.

We are planning to get pre-season prep work at the Ice Rink completed through the month of November, so that we are ready to start flooding as soon as the weather is cold enough in December.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director